

MARRIED.

JOHNSON—SNIDER.

At the residence of the bride's parents, near Enterprise, Ohio, on April the 19th, 1888, Mr. George M. Johnson, to Miss Anna T. Snider, S. P. Stevens, of Monroeville, Ind., officiating minister. May their future be one of joy and prosperity.

NELSON—PETERSON.

At the residence of the bride's parents, in Emmons Co., Dak., April 18th, 1888, Mr. Oscar W. Nelson to Miss Tilda Peterson, by J. H. Worst.

OUR DEAD.

BOWMAN.

On the 12th of April, 1888, a message came to me bearing the sad news of the death of sister Mary Bowman of Rockingham County. She was a very consistent member of the Brethren church, a kind and loving mother, and a kind and affectionate companion. She has been somewhat afflicted for some time, but at last our common enemy, "death" stole upon her frame, and removed her from time to eternity. But we have sufficient evidence to believe that she fell asleep in Jesus. She had many friends to leave behind; the evidence of this fact was the large concourse of friends that followed her remains to Mt. Olive church and burying ground, where quite a number had assembled to attend the funeral services and deposit of the body. She is the first to be buried in the Mt. Olive burying ground. The funeral services were conducted by Eld. J. F. Koontz, assisted by Bro. J. B. Raishe, from Num. 23:10, "Let me die the death of the righteous." The house was filled to its utmost capacity. She leaves many friends and relations to mourn her loss. Bro. Bowman and children, we can not call her back, but we have the promise that if we live right we can meet her on the evergreen shore, where there will be no more parting, but strike glad hands and be together forever and forever. The family have our sympathies in their bereavement, and hope to meet her beyond the river.

J. F. K.

RASEIGH.

Sister Elizabeth Raseigh was born in Bedford Co., Pa., on the 7th of October, A. D., 1809, and fell asleep in Jesus on the 13th of March, A. D., 1888 aged 78 years, 5 months and 6 days. Sister Raseigh was a consistent member of the Brethren church, about 53 years. Prior to this time she had been a member of the Presbyterian church. She was first intermarried with Zimmerman, who was also a member of the Brethren church when he departed this life. After his decease, sister Raseigh was intermarried with Bro. William Raseigh, who was a brother to Eld. George Raseigh, quite an able minister in his day, and one of the Pioneer ministers of the Brethren church in Pennsylvania. Bro. and sister Raseigh resided near the Cowenshannon meeting house for many years, (the meeting house lot was a part of their farm) and were well known, especially by the ministers and members of the church, for their home was a home for all God's dear children. They always did what they could to advance the cause of Christ, and comfort his saints. Bro. Raseigh preceded the sister to the spirit land about 9 years. After his decease our aged sister still continued to reside on the old homestead, affording a home as before for those who loved the Lord. She was a much devoted hand maiden of the Lord. "She did what she could" in visiting and relieving the afflicted, in comforting the distressed, in providing for and assisting at communion meetings. When the time came to stand firm for the Gospel alone or Annual Meeting. She chose the former and although Eld. Jesse Calvert told her she would be lost if she would not join in with the German Baptists, she would not yield but held out faithful until death. And now as the church militant had to part with one of her members, and the community with a good Christian neighbor, the children with a kind affectionate mother, and all the friends feel bereft. Yet our loss is her eternal gain. May we all do what we can in following her good example so that we may all meet in the church triumphant. Funeral sermon delivered by the writer to a large congregation on the 15th of April 1888, from Mark 14:8.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Blanco, Pa.

PALMER.

Sister Nancy Palmer was born Oct.

29, 1809, and died Feb. 18, 1888, aged 78 years, 5 months and 25 days. She was the mother of ten children, six boys and four girls, nine of whom are still living to remember a loving mother. Her husband and one daughter have preceded her to the spirit land. She joined the German Baptist church about eight years ago and afterwards the Brethren church. She lived a consistent Christian life, although never saying much in health, but during her last sickness she talked a great deal about her Saviour and his sustaining grace, and without a struggle she peacefully fell asleep in the triumph of a living faith. Funeral sermon by the undersigned from the 12th chapter and latter clause of the 26th verse of St. John's gospel, "If any serve me him will my Father honor," to a large congregation at the Mt. Tabor M. E. church, on the 19th of April, 1888.

DANIEL HENRICKS.

The Value of Sleep.

Nothing is more disregarded by many young men of today than the necessity of seasonable sleep, yet nothing is more essential to good health and long life. Robert Collyer, in his "Talks to Young Men," devotes an exceedingly interesting chapter to the subject, and the following are his closing remarks: "Now, let me draw a few simple lessons from this truth I have tried to open. You, young men, must remember that one grand factor in your well being and well doing will lie in a good sound sleep. You may think it does not matter: take my word for it—the word of a man who has had to walk through rugged ways to his three score years and three—that it does matter a great deal.

Your sleep is the hidden treasure of your youth today, and tomorrow it will be the margin you will have to draw on for your age. Do you think you can racket round into the small hours, snatch a brief repose, and then be just as good as ever to hold and bind? It is not true. Many a young man sells his birthright in this way, and cannot have it back again, though he seek it with many tears. Take your honest eight hours sleep, if you may: there is life in it and grace. It is one of the good angels which will save you from the temptation to drink, give you an even mind, brighten all your powers, and do many things for you no other power can do.

So when you get farther on, and are in the thick of the world's business do, not forget what virtue lies in this good habit. You may make more money by sitting up nights, but the chances are you will not keep it: carve out a good business and then have to quit; or grow eminent in your profession, and then break down. Good fortune turns greatly on good habits, and this is one of the best. We can go just so far, and then we have to fall back on Nature and on God for new power. But if we say, "I will work double tides," and so get fevered and out of true with the true laws of success in life, then the day comes when our power turns to something like paralysis. Your true business or professional man is the man who rises well rested, with a cool, clear brain and steady nerve—the man who can shake off business after business hours, go to sleep like a yearling child, and rise like the sun, rejoicing as a strong man to run a race. . . . And it is a great mistake in good men to say this is a shameful waste of time, when it may be and so often is, the best possible use of time; or that we should be at our work or our prayers, while still we need this on which the worth of the work or the prayer is to turn.

I say, that to sleep one hour more in such a case is better than either to labor or to pray, and may bring us nearer to God and man."—Ex.

Gatherings of Gold.

Discontent is the echo of unbelief.—J. H. S. Trainor.

Pleasure must first have the warrant that it is without sin; then the measure that it is without excess.

God's determination to save all who repent is as inflexible as his resolution to destroy all the impenitent.—Rev. R. K. Campbell.

In the great struggle to win the world to our Lord we have reached a critical hour. The problem grows upon our hands, the harvest whitens on every side, the nations mutely stretch forth their hands for help, the Master bids

us "Go, disciple them all." O that we may know our times, and with outflung heart of utter loyalty lift up the cry and send it round the world and up to heaven: "We come, we come, the host of the redeemed, we come, to do Thy will, O God!"—Rev. J. J. Smith, D. D.

He knoweth that if my sufferings glorify his name and encourage others to stand fast for the honor of our supreme lawgiver, Christ, my wages then are paid to the full.—S. Rutherford.

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